BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 M) for an Order Under PUC Section 851 Approving the Leases and Licenses of Certain Public Utility Properties.

Application 03-05-012 (Filed May 8, 2003)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING WAIVING RULE 35 SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) seeks an order waiving the Rule 35 signature requirement for the application of PG&E for approval of leases and licenses (Application (A.) 03-05-012) that was filed on May 8, 2003.

Rule 35 states that applications under Pub. Util. Code § 851 "shall be signed by all parties to the proposed transaction...." In A.03-05-012, PG&E seeks Commission approval of 256 transactions. The subject properties in these transactions are located throughout PG&E's land holdings, which are widely dispersed in 49 counties in California. PG&E states that locating all of the lessees and licensees and obtaining their signatures would be burdensome and time consuming.

In a previous application for approval of leases under § 851, PG&E requested a similar waiver of the signature requirement due to the large number of transactions at issue and the burden of obtaining all such signatures. The Office of Ratepayer Advocates supported the request, and the assigned

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Administrative Law Judge entered an order dated September 15, 2000 waiving the signature requirement. (*In re PG&E*, A.00-06-010.)

IT IS RULED that the motion of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to waive the Rule 35 signature requirement as to Application 03-05-012 is granted. Dated June 25, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GLEN WALKER
Glen Walker
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Waiving Rule 35 Signature Requirement on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 25, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS
Elizabeth Lewis

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